

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee

I am writing to strongly oppose HB 6355

Current CT Law is working to prevent suicides and mass shootings.

A recent New York Times article, quoting a Rand Corporation study, stated Risk Protection Orders preventing violence was "inconclusive".

Risk Protection Orders violate due process; you are guilty till proven innocent.

Red Flag laws will endanger citizens and Law Enforcement. Gary Willis of Maryland was killed by police when served with a Risk protection order.

In addition people are being served Risk Protection Orders for debating politics on social media.

At its core this is a pre-crime bill by Government thinking a crime can be prevented before it happens.

It is a direct attack on the 2nd Amendment as it removes firearms from a household but not any other items that can be used in suicide such as poisons, prescription drugs, cleaning chemicals, rope, wire, extensions cords that a person can hang themselves with.

Per the Center for disease control, CT has one of the lowest suicide rates in the nation, 8-10 a year. Half of that 8-10 is by other means than firearms and some by terminally ill people who are not a threat. It is ironic that CT recently debated HB 6425 "An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients". This is a suicide assisted bill but somehow a crime if an individual makes the decision on his/her own.

I am a 2nd Amend Issue voter.

Thank you,

INSERT YOUR NAME

INSERT YOUR TOWN

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Sent from my Dean's iPhone